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SUBJ: NARCOTICS - SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

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B. VIENNA A-412, AUG. 23, 1974

1. AUSTRIA RECEIVES NO ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 482  
OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. REPORT BELOW THEREFORE  
RESPONDS ONLY TO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B, REF A.  
RESPONSES ARE CORRESPONDINGLY LETTERED. REPORT FOCUSES  
ON JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1974, PERIOD, BUT EMBASSY  
WISHES TO NOTE OFFICIAL DATA IS COMPILED ON CALENDAR  
YEAR BASIS IN AUSTRIA AND IS NORMALLY NOT AVAILABLE  
UNTIL MARCH-PARIL OF SUCCEEDING YEAR. ASSESSMENT OF  
DEVELOPMENTS THEREFORE BASED MOSTRLY UPON EXPTRAPOLATIONS  
FROM DATA FOR EARLIER PERIODS INFORMATION OF PRELIMINARY  
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NATURE AVAILABLE FROM OFFICIAL AUSTRIAN SOURCES, AND

EXPERIENCE OF EMBASSY OFFICERS, INCLUDING DEA REP.  
EMBASSY GOALS CITED IN AUGUST 1974 REPORT ON FY 1976  
PROGRAM GUIDANCE (REF B) REMAIN VALID.

2. A. SUMMARY - BOTH DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFIC IN  
ILLEGAL DRUGS APPEAR TO HAVE INCREASED IN AUSTRIA  
DURING REPORTING PERIOD. FOR FIRST TIME, HEROIN  
AND MORPHINE BASE WERE SEIZED IN SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES,  
AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE NUMBER OF DRUG OFFENSES  
INCREASED, ALSO. SOME DRUG ABUSERS SEEMED TO BE TURNING  
TOWARD HARDER DRUGS, AND TRENDS IN ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFIC  
SEEMED TO BE CHANGING WITH RESPECT TO TYPE AND QUANTITY  
OF DRUGS, ROUTES, AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED. CHANGE IN  
TRAFFIC TRENDS FURTHER APPARENT IN SEIZURES IN JANUARY  
1975 OF 19.7 KG HEROIN FROM ETHNIC-CHINESE MALAYSIAN  
COURIERS AT VIENNA AIRPORT, 1175 KG HASHISH AT TYROLIAN  
"DEPOT" OPERATED BY WEST GERMAN CITIZENS, AND 23 KG  
HASHISH FROM THREE U.S.. CITIZENS DURING VIENNA STOPOVER  
ENROUTE TO US FROM PAKISTAN. WHILE EVIDENCE INDICATES  
AUSTRIA BECOMING LOCUS OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF DRUG  
TRAFFICKERS, DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN AUSTRIA, ALTHOUGH  
GROWING, SEEMS STILL TO BE MUCH LESS SERIOUS THAN IN  
MOST OTHER HIGHLY DEVELOPED WESTERN COUNTRIES.

B. ABUSE - ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES OF AUSTRIAN  
OFFICIALS, DRUG OFFENSES IN AUSTRIA WERE RUNNING  
ABOUT 13 PERCENT HIGHER IN FIRST-HALF 1974 THAN FIRST-  
HALF 1973. IN CY 1973, 2528 DRUG OFFENSES WERE RECORDED  
VS. 1604 IN CY 1972. INCREASE FROM CY 1973 TO CY 1974  
IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBSTANTIAL BUT LOWER THAN 57  
PERCENT INCREASE IN PREVIOUS YEAR.

- DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL NARCOTICS DIVISION IN  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR STATED PUBLICLY IN OCTOBER 1974  
THAT "IN CERTAIN PARTS OF AUSTRIA HEROIN IS NOW  
AVAILABLE FROM DISTRIBUTORS FOR LOCAL USE." SEIZURE  
IN 1974 OF QUANTITIES OF MORPHINE BASE AND HEROIN  
NOTED UNDER (G) BELOW, INDICATES ABUSERS WITH PREVIOUS  
PREFERENCE FOR RAW OPIUM OR TINCTURE OF OPIUM MAY BE  
TURNING TO HARDER DRUGS.

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- UNTIL RECENTLY, AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC HAVE  
NOT BEEN GENERALLY AWARE OF DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFIC  
PROBLEMS IN AUSTRIA. AWARENESS OF THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM  
INCREASED RAPIDLY ON BOTH OFFICIAL PUBLIC LEVELS  
DURING REPORTING PERIOD AS RESULT OF INVOLVEMENT OF  
AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS IN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL  
INVESTIGATIONS AND OPERATIONS, INCREASED APPREHENSIONS  
AND SEIZURES IN AUSTRIA, AND WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY ACCORDED

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS IN AUSTRIA. WHILE DRUG ABUSE CONTUNUES TO BE VIEWED BY MOST AUSTRIANS AS MINOR PROBLEM IN AUSTRIA, KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT PROBLEM COULD BECOME SERIOUS IN FUTURE.

C. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING.

- THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ILLICIT DRUGS ARE PRODUCED OR PROCESSED IN AUSTRIA.

D. TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

- PREVIOUSLY, TRAFFIC IN ILLICIT DRUGS IN AUSTRIA INVOLVED MOSTLY NON-AUSTRIAN WEST EUROPEANS AND NEAR EASTERNERS ENGAGED IN OVERLAND TRANSPORT OF RAW OPIUM, TINCTURE OF OPIUM, AND HASHISH TO MARKETS ELSEWHERE IN WESTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE. SEIZURES OF MORPHINE BASE AND HEROIN IN 1974 AS NOTED IN (G) BELOW, INCLUDING THOSE OF 400 GR. OF HEROIN ON JULY 8 AND 250 GR. OF HEROIN ON OCT. 6, AT VIENNA AIRPORT, INDICATED TYPES OF DRUGS INVOLVED AND METHODS OF TRANSPORT WERE CHANGING. THESE AND OTHER CHANGES-- IN SOURCE AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED--WERE FURTHER CONFIRMED BY THREE SEPARATE SEIZURES IN JANUARY 1975, IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLOSE OF SEMI-ANNUAL PERIOD OF THIS REPORT, OF VERY LARGE QUANTITIES OF HEROIN AND HASHISH. AUSTRIAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS AND POLICE APPREHENDED 10 ETHNIC-CHINESE FROM MALAYSIA WHO ARRIVED IN VIENNA BY AIR ON JANUARY 11 WITH 19.7 KG. OF HEROIN CONCEALED IN FALSE BOTTOM SUITCASES, TOYS, BOTTLES, AND FOOD TINS. ONE AJNUARY 22, THEY SEIZED 1175 KG OF HASHISH IN HOUSE NEAR BRENNER PASS THAT APPRARENTLY SERVED AS DEPOT

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FOR DISTRIBUTION IN WEST GERMANY BY WEST GERMAN NATIONALS.  
ON JANUARY 27, THREE U.S. CITIZENS, ALL FEMALE, WERE  
ARRESTED AT VIENNA HOTEL DURING STOPOVER BETWEEN PAKISTAN  
AND SEATTLE (VIA COPENHAGEN) WITH 23 KG OF HASHISH  
IN FALSE BOTTOM SUITCASES. APPARENTLY, INTERNATIONAL  
TRAFFICKERS ARE INCREASINGLY EXTENDING THEIR ACTIVITIES  
IN AUSTRIA AND AUSTRIA IS PIVOT FOR SOME MAJOR OPERATIONS.

E. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.

AUSTRIA CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN  
ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA CONCERNED WITH ERADICATION  
OF DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. AUSTRIA HAS  
CONTRIBUTED TO UNFDAC BUT HAS NOT YET RATIFIED SINGLE  
CONVENTION ON NARCOTICS. AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE  
IN EXPANDED GERMAN-AMERICAN WORKING GROUP ON NARCOTICS,  
AND ON JULY 2-3 HOSTED GROUP'S MEETING AT KRUMPENDORF,  
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AUSTRIA. ROMANIAN AND YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS ALSO  
PARTICIPATED. AUSTRIANS WORKED CLOSELY WITH TURKISH  
OFFICIALS IN CASES NOTED IN (D) ABOVE, AND  
ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH COOPERATION WITH OFFICIALS OF  
OTHER EAST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF  
HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IN JANUARY 1975, THEY  
WORKED CLOSELY WITH MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS IN LARGE SEISURE  
OF HEROIN ALSO REPORTED IN (D) ABOVE.

F. EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.

AMBASSADOR, NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND OTHER  
EMBASSY OFFICERS CONTINUED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AND  
SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING LETTERS FROM  
AMBASSADOR HUMES TO THE FOREIGN AND INTERIOR MINISTERS, TO  
ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS OF AUSTRIAN  
GOVERNMENT. MAIN EMPHASIS IN REPORTING PERIOD WAS,  
HOWEVER, UPON ESTABLISHING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN

EMBASSY DEA REP, WHO ARRIVED IN APRIL 1974, AND AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS. DEA REP PARTICIPATED IN 3-DAY TRAINING SEMINAR AUSTRIANS CONDUCTED FOR 95 AUSTRIAN POLICE, GENDARMES, AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT SALZBURG OCTOBER 22-24, AS WELL AS IN REGIONAL MEETING AT KRUMPENDORF (E-ABOVE) AND AS LIAISON IN SPECIFIC SEIZURES ALREADY MENTIONED (D ABOVE). TWO AUSTRIANS ATTENDED DEA MID-MANAGEMENT COURSE (III) IN WASHINGTON. AUSTRIAN GENDARMERIE PRODUCED TRAINING FILM ON DRUGS, "SUCH-GIFT," FOR POLICE AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. GERMAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH INTERPOL; VERIONS DUBBED IN FRENCH AND SPANISH ARE BEING MADE.

G. ENFORCEMENT.

AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES SEIZED QUANTITIES OF HEROIN AND MORPHINE BASE FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. SEIZURES OF 400 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT VIENNA AIRPORT ON JULY 8 AND 250 GRAMS MORE ON OCTOBER 6 CULMINATED FIRST MAJOR MULTINATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT AUSTRIANS INVOLVED IN SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIOR MINISTRY'S CENTRAL NARCOTICS DIVISION EARLIER IN 1974. IN JANUARY 1975, JUST AFTER CLOSE OF REPORTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERIOD, ADDITIONAL SEIZURES OF 19.7 KG. OF HEROIN, 1175 KG. OF HASHISH, AND FURTHER 23 KG. OF HASHISH WERE MADE IN OPERATIONS DESCRIBED UNDER (D) ABOVE.

- IN CY 1974, AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES SEIZED FOLLOWING QUANTITIES OF ILLICIT DRUGS (IN KILOGRAMS):

HEROIN	1.012
MORPHINE BASE	4.430
RAW OPIUM	5.270
TINCTURE OF OPIUM	1.5
HASHISH	645.0
HASHISH OIL	5.5
LSD	1,100 INDIVISUAL DOESES (TRIPS)

- NUMBER OF ARRESTS IN CY 1974 IS UNKNOWN, BUT AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS STATE NUMBER OF DRUG OFFENSES IN 1ST HALF-1974 APPEARED TO BE RUNNING ABOUT 13 PERCENT HIGHER THAN IN 1ST HALF-1973. IN CY 1973, 2528 OFFENSES WERE RECORDED, OF WHICH 492 WERE CRIMINAL OFFENSES, I.E. INVOLVE TRAFFIC, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS. IN CY 1972 ONLY 1604 OFFENSES WERE RECORDED, 333 OF THEM CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

-NO CHANGES IN AUSTRIAN LAWS OR LEGAL PROCEDURES

REGARDING DRUG OFFENSES WERE MADE IN THE REPORTING PERIOD.

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